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Dear Mr. Franklin,

This is in response to your communication received 15 March 2006 requesting the status of the U.S. national stage application of international application no. PCT/SE02/00075. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records appear to show that U.S. application 10/501,554 has been assigned to an examiner in Art Unit 1725 and is awaiting examination.

It is noted that the Notice of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed on 10 November 2005. Further, it is noted that the 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date is 14 June 2005.

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